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MAY MEETING

Four of our member-photographers — Aileen Pierson, Paul Covel, Phil Smith, and Vi Homem — will show their fifteen most interesting slides at the regular meeting of Golden Gate Audubon Society on **Thursday, May 12,** at **7:30 p.m.** in the Rotary Natural Science Center near the Lake Merritt duck refuge, Lakeside Park, Oakland. The evening will start with a no-host dinner at 6:30 p.m. in Lovely's Buffet, 336 Grand Avenue near Perkins (not far from the Science Center). Visitors are welcome. — RICHARD and MARY LEINBACH, *Program Co-Chairmen.*

ANNUAL DINNER — JUNE 9

Golden Gate Audubon Society's annual dinner will be held **Thursday, June 9,** at the College Women's Club, Bancroft Way at College Ave., Berkeley. A social half-hour in the lounge will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at **6:30 p.m.** Mrs. Kathleen Hoover will be Chairman.

Featured on the program will be illustrated talks by Robert D. Barbee, Park Ranger, Point Reyes National Seashore, and Willet T. Van Velzen, Resident Biologist, Point Reyes Bird Observatory.

The price of the dinner will be $3.50, including tax, and the **reservation deadline will be Monday, June 6.** Miss Marjorie M. Atkinson is in charge of reservations. Please use the form printed at the end of this issue of *The Gull* (page 39).

FIELD TRIPS, MAY 1 — JUNE 5

Sunday, May 1 (as listed in April *Gull*) to McCoy Ranch, Arroyo Mocho, southwest of Livermore. Orioles, phainopeplas, western kingbirds, yellow-billed magpies and Lewis' woodpeckers are usually seen. Meet in Livermore one block beyond the tall flagpole on Livermore Ave. at **9 a.m.** Allow one hour's driving time from Oakland. Bring lunch. Leader, Aileen Pierson, JU 7-4163.

Thursday, May 5, (as listed in April *Gull*) to Tilden Regional Park, Berkeley. We plan to hike up Laurel Canyon fire road and on the Jewel Lake and Pack Rat Trails in the Nature Area to look for migrating and nesting birds. If we walk quietly, we should hear a variety of songs. Meet in the parking lot at the entrance to the Nature Area at **9 a.m.** Bring lunch. Leader, Vi Homem, 655-8886.

Saturday, May 14, *two trips* to Mt. Diablo State Park. The typieal habitat here — grassland, ehaparral and oak woodland — makes this an exeellent area to hear and observe the common nesting and migrating birds. Although elusive, the nesting sage, rufous-crowned and black-chinned sparrows may be heard. Meet at **7 a.m.** at South Gate entranee, whieh can be reaehed by turning off the 680 freeway at Danville. Bring luneh. Leader, Marie Mans, 848-5186.

9 a.m. trip: Same meeting plaee as above. Botany will be the main emphasis on this trip, but birders will be weleome. (See wildflower note for May 19 trip below.) Bring luneh. Leader, Richard Leinbaeh, 526-7649.

Thursday, May 19, a wildflower trip to Mt. Diablo State Park. On this mountain there are at least 60 speeies that otherwise you would have to travel north, south, or east to find. Meet at Roek City in the Park by **9:30 a.m.** Bring a friend who is interested in flowers — and bring luneh, a pad and pencil. Leader, Marshall Jencks, 534-9353.

Saturday, May 21, to Glen Ellen and Jaek London State Park, Sonoma County. Yellow-breasted ehats may be found near the ereek. Meet at **9 a.m.** at the Glen Ellen post offiee. This is about one mile from Highway 12, seven miles from Sonoma, and fifteen miles from Santa Rosa. Bring luneh. Leader to be annouueed.

Friday-Sunday, June 3-5, Yosemite National Park. In previous years at this time great gray and pygmy owls, black-baeked three-toed woodpeeker and Williamson's sapsueker were seen. Interesting mammals and beautiful flowers can be found. Field trips will start from the main post offiee in Yosemite at **9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday** and **9 a.m. on Sunday.** This meeting plaee is in the Government Center. Leaders: Warren Larson, President of Golden Gate Audubon, Marie Mans, Elsie Roemer, and Robert E. Peterson — MRS. VALERIA G. DaCOSTA, *Field Trips Chairman.*

ALBATROSS EXPEDITION

Leavitt MeQuesten will conduet his tenth annual offshore trip on **Monday, June 13** to see albatross. The Stagnaro sport fishing boat will leave the Santa Cruz munieipal wharf, Santa Cruz at **7:30 a.m.** and will return about noon the same day. The destination will be 12 miles offshore. Tiekets are $1.50 and reservations must be made in advanee. For tickets or further information write to Viola Anderson, 227 Linden St., Santa Cruz, Calif.

GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON IN HOBBY SHOW

The *Oakland Hobby Show,* to be held in the Oakland Exposition building **June 17-19,** will include a booth by the Golden Gate Audubon Soeiety. This "new adventure" sponsored by the Oakland Reereation Department, whieh it is hoped will beeome an annual event like the popular show in Long Beaeh, is intendcd to stimulate and eneourage hobbies of all kinds. All eommercialism is prohibited during the show.

The Board of Direetors of Golden Gate Audubon joined the new Oakland Hobby Couneil late in 1965 in order to beeome partieipants in this show. Miss Val Lounkin and Paul F. Covel are eo-ehairmen for gen-

eral arrangements and will want volunteers to set up the booth and also to staff it by turns during the 2½-day run of the show. If you ean help in some way, please communieate with Paul Covel (536-4120 residenee, or 273-3739 business phone) or with Miss Lounkin or Mrs. Franees Capelle (both at 261-2842).

This is your ehance to meet people who are looking for new interests and hobbies and to enlist them in the Audubon movement. Besides, your partieipation in the Audubon exhibit will also give you an opportunity to meet other eitizens of our eommunity of all types and ages who are doing other remarkable things as hobbies.

The Oakland Exposition Building is loeated at 10th and Fallon behind the Municipal Auditorium and south of Lake Merritt. The Hobby Show will be open from 1 to 9 p.m. on Friday, June 17, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 19. PAUL F. COVEL.

AUDUBON CANYON RANCH, BOLINAS LAGOON

Under joint sponsorship of Golden Gate and Marin Audubon Societies to protect a major rookery of Common Egrets and Great Blue Herons.

Be sure to pick up the information sheet available to all visitors this year. It deseribes the rookery and the raneh and has a useful map that Jaek Hermann has drawn of the trails on the raneh. Don't miss the Bert Harwell Nature Trail.

A great deal of work has been done on all the trails in the Garden Club of Ameriea Canyon. You'll be pleased to note the new bridges and how mueh this area has been opened up. This is the best plaee to see wildflowers at the raneh.

We remind you again that the ranch will be open through July 4 on week-ends, without appointment, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also, we remind you: Your Blue Chip stamps should be sent to the Ross Valley 4-H Club, e/o Agricultural Extension, Civie Center, San Rafael.

If you ean volunteer as host or hostess during June, please notify Raehel Weekerle, 1814 Marin Ave., Berkeley (526-0879).

Groups planning to visit the raneh should make reservations with Mrs. Stanley Ellis, 2483 Mar East, Tiburon (435-1180).

Men interested in joining a raneh work-party, please get in toueh with Mr. Dudley S. Hubbard of Marin Audubon Soeiety, 83 Magee Ave., Mill Valley (388-2967).

Contributions to Audubon Canyon Raneh, Ine. are still badly needed and should be mailed to P.O. Box 2113, San Franeiseo, 94126. (They are tax deduetible.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year Golden Gate Audubon Society will celebrate the forty-ninth anniversary of its organization. There have been many changes in that time; these changes, for the most part, have been good. During that time our membership has grown several thousand percent. We now have over 1300 members in our one branch alone. These members are located in San Franciseo, Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, and in other towns in this general area.

For some time a number of members of Golden Gate have felt it might be better if we had two or three smaller societies, instead of one big one. They think smaller groups would be more active, friendlier, and in the long run, with greater member participation, would aecomplish more for conservation than a large, rather unwieldy, group possibly could.

I've notieed that our membership meetings in San Francisco usually have very few East Bay members present, and when the meeting is held in the East Bay area there are not very many from San Franciseo present. It really seems like two different audience groups.

Therefore your board is in favor of forming two Audubon branehes in this area — one to serve San Francisco and the other the East Bay.

Would you let me know how you feel about this, and what suggestions you have to offer? — A. WARREN LARSON, *President.*

CONSERVATION EDUCATION TESTIMONY FOR SENATE

Golden Gate Audubon Society has presented a 7-page testimony to the Senate Faet Finding Committees on Natural Resources and Education, in regard to a program of conservation education in the State Department of Education. The testimony includes an outline of the new methods and techniques used in the Audubon Nature Training sessions for adults taught by Phyllis Lindley at Berkeley's Aquatic Park.

Three school districts in two counties have already granted in-service credit upon completion of the 8-session course, and the schedule has also been established within the adult education program of the Berkeley Unified School District. Golden Gate's testimony recommends that similar community programs be established in other areas through the cooperation of district and county school superintendents, teacher training institutions and the California Adult Education program under the aegis and direction of the State Department of Education. The document includes a page on teaching concepts, concluding: "The teaching of conservation really means teaching how to 'experience' productively — not in isolated exposures, but all the time."

"The accelerated pace of change in all areas of our daily lives requires a dynamic awareness of man and his natural environment — communicated to all age levels. Man's undeniable role in changing the faec of the earth can only be as wise and productive as the depth of his knowledge and cognizance of his own role in the web of life — and education FOR Conservation."

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY

East Oakland – Many Golden Gate members from both sides of the Bay enjoyed the wildflower walk led by Marshall Jencks on March 16 on the quarry trail from Fernhoff west of Skyline Blvd. Large beds of trillium were found in a shady ravine, and fields of wild pansies were blooming on the hilltops. Zygadene, shooting stars, osoberry, and many others were also in full bloom. This area used to be an outstanding place to see and hear California thrashers, wrentits, and many other species, but now it has become a week-end rendezvous for hill-climbing motorcycles – to the detriment of all bird life and many wildflowers.

Tilden Park, Berkeley – Richard Leinbach led an interesting birding and wildflower trip on March 19. Migrating rufous hummers competed with the flowers for our attention. Orange-crowned warblers added their delicate songs to the sounds of spring.

Rodeo Lagoon-Point Bonita, Marin County – About 50 species were found on the field trip led April 2 by Dr. Laurence Curl. A black oystercatcher was observed on a rock in the cove near the Point Bonita Coast Guard residence. This species had not been found here on previous field trips. Both Brandt's and pelagic cormorants were in breeding plumage.

OBSERVATIONS

Dick Erickson found a male summer tanager in the Russian River area near Guerneville on April 6.

Lynn Stafford, Audubon Canyon Ranch Naturalist, reports that rufous-crowned sparrows have been on the northwest edge of the "Garden Club of America Canyon."

On March 15 a red-necked grebe was in Horseshoe Cove of San Francisco Bay near Lime Point, Fort Baker, and fished close enough to seven birders to give them good binocular views of him. This species was also on Oakland's Lake Merritt on December 12.

A camera would have been handy on March 20 when a colorful bird posed against a dull industrial background. An adult green heron landed on a small float near the drydocks on the Alameda side of the Estuary near the Park Street Bridge. He also perched on the mooring line of an old boat and peered at small fish in the water.

GOLDEN GATE MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE

Golden Gate Audubon Society now has an attractive membership brochure to distribute to prospective members. It was carefully prepared by our Director Bob DaCosta to give a concise description of our branch activities. Harry C. Adamson kindly contributed a handsome drawing for the cover. Copies of this new brochure may be obtained from officers listed on the back of *The Gull* or from the National Audubon Society Conservation Center, 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley.

"CYGNET" SUBSCRIPTIONS

Janet Nickelsburg, our Education Chairman, is receiving many subscriptions and letters for the *Cygnet*, the Golden Gate Audubon publication for children. For a year's subscription, please send $1.00 to Mrs. M. S. Nickelsburg, the *Cygnet* Editor, 2585 Union St., San Francisco, Calif. 94123.

PHOTOGENIC SUBJECTS – Spring and summer should bring a variety of subjects to challenge nature photographers. If you should observe nature subjects you think could be photographed, please phone Warren Larson (525-9149) or the Editor of *The Gull* (655-8886).

CONGRATULATIONS to SEATTLE AUDUBON SOCIETY on the Golden Anniversary eelebrated on April 21! Guests of honor at the banquet were Carl Buchheister, National Audubon President, and William Goodall, Western Representative of National Audubon. On April 14 the Seattle Audubon Society was asked to present a program for a Blind Center. To demonstrate that birds can be enjoyed through the beauty and recognition of their songs, Eleanor Stopps and Zella Sehultz planned a program of taped songs and sounds of familiar water and baekyard birds.

TUCSON AUDUBON SOCIETY contributed $5,000 to help the NATURE CONSERVANCY make the down payment on 320 acres along the Sonoita Creek bed south of Patagonia, a famous birding area in Arizona. Mrs. Boyd Hunt, prominent Audubon member, accepted the chairmanship of a committee that will raise more than $100,000 to complete the acquisition.

BOOK NEWS

Watch for a new book by **Harold Gilliam,** entitled *For Whom the Bay?* to be published by the Sierra Club.

May is the announced month of publication for *The Hunt for the Whooping Cranes* by J. J. McCoy with a preface by Carl W. Buchheister. It will be a definitive account of the 10-year scarch by American and Canadian naturalists for the nesting grounds of the whooping cranes.

Wildflowers of the Monterey Area, California was written by Beatrice F. Howitt, a past president of the Monterey Peninsula Audubon Society. Her own beautiful color photographs illustrate this guide. It is indexed by common and scientific names. ($1.00)

Dr. Bernhard Grzimek, Director of Frankfurt Zoo, who wrote *Serengeti Shall Not Die* and *Rhinos Belong to Everybody,* is the author of two new books. *Wild Animal, White Man* is a survey of wildlife and of conservation practices in Europe, Russia, Canada, and the U.S. It is illustrated with the author's photographs. ($8.95) *Such Agreeable Friends* stresses the importance of understanding animals. Dr. Grzimek relates his experi-

ences with elephants, chimpanzees, horses, wolves, Rhesus monkeys, and other species. His photographs illustrate their behavior. ($5.00)

A new paperback is Dover's $1.00 edition of *The Bird Watcher's Quiz Book* by Henry Hill Collins, Jr. It is divided into sections for "Amateur," "Advanced," "Expert," and "Specialist." The quizzes cover a variety of topics and bring out key points in field identification. Test your friends on bird sounds with the quizzes for the bird *listeners*.

You may order these books and others from the National Audubon Society Conservation Resouree Center, 2426 Baneroft Way, Berkeley, Calif. 94704 (848-4042). Your purchases there contribute to the wildlife protection and edueation programs of the Audubon Soeiety.

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Also, a special gift was made to Audubon Canyon Ranch by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shanks. — DR. ALBERT BOLES, *Sanctuary & Memorial Fund Chairman* (854 Longridge Rd., Oakland, Calif. 94610).

DEADLINE FOR JUNE *GULL*: Please phone or send your news items to the editor by MAY 6 to allow her time to type them and to find a substitute proofreader before her mid-May vacation.

RESERVATION FORM FOR JUNE 9 DINNER

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Enclosed is my check for $..... for ..... reservations for the Golden Gate Audubon Society's Annual Dinner on **Thursday, June 9,** at the College Women's Club, Berkeley.

Name..... Address.....

(Dinner is $3.50. Please make checks payable to Golden Gate Audubon Society.)

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